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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 19, 2002 FINAL OFFICE  
ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is submitted in order to address the Examiner's rejections made in the February 19, 2002 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Final Office Action was originally due May 19, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for responding. The fee for a three-month extension is NINE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$920.00). A check for this amount is enclosed herewith. A response is now due August 19, 2002, and accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.